

REQUISITION NOTICE SENT TO SHIP OWNERS

Government to Take Over Vessels of More Than 2,500 Tons on October 15.

LIMIT LATER MAY BE LOWERED

Owners Who Steamers Are Operating in Regular Trades Are to Continue as They Have Been Doing, Subject to Further Instructions.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, October 12.—Announcement of the general method by which the American merchant marine is to be requisitioned October 15 by the government, was made to-night by Bainbridge Colby, of the Shipping Board, in a notice sent to ship owners. The requisition will include at first only cargo ships of more than 2,500 tons dead weight capacity and passenger vessels of more than 2,500 gross tons register. The limit probably will be lowered soon to include craft of more than 1,500 tons.

The notification sent to the ship owners reads: "The United States Shipping Board hereby gives notice to all owners of ships registered and enrolled under the laws of the United States that the requisition of all American steamers described below and of which previous announcement has been made, will become operative and effective on October 15, 1917, at noon."

"1. The ships affected by said requisition and included therein are (a) all cargo ships able to carry not less than 2,500 tons dead weight, including bunker, water and stores; (b) all passenger steamers of not less than 2,500 tons gross register.

"2. (a) As to all steamers in or bound to American ports on October 15, 1917, requisition becomes effective after discharge of inward cargo and ship is put in ordinary good condition. (b) As to steamers which have started to load their outward cargo, requisition becomes effective at noon on October 15, 1917, and accounts as to his and expenses will be adjusted from time steamer began to load.

TO COMPLETE VOYAGE AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE

"3. Steamers trading to and from American ports, that have sailed on their voyage prior to October 15, 1917, at noon, are to complete that voyage as promptly as possible and report for requisitioning.

"4. Steamers that are occupied in trades between foreign ports shall be requisitioned as of October 15, 1917, at noon, and accounts adjusted accordingly.

"(a) Owners whose steamers are operating in their regular trades, are to continue the operation of their steamers for account of the government, as they have been doing for themselves, until they receive further instructions.

"(b) Owners whose steamers are chartered to others, will apply to the Shipping Board for instructions regarding the future employment of said steamers."

American ships of more than 1,500 tons capacity available for ocean service number 455, aggregating 2,871,359 tons deadweight. Of the smaller vessels to be requisitioned will be put into peaceful trades. Many will ply between the United States and South America and West Indian ports, maintaining trades which the government considers essential.

WANT FLEET OF BARGES ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER

(By Associated Press.)
WINONA, Minn., October 12.—An appeal to the Federal Shipping Board to build, sell or lease on an installment plan a large fleet of barges to enable the Mississippi River to relieve the railroads, all overtaxed, was voiced at the closing session of the sixteenth annual convention of the Upper Mississippi River Improvement Association here to-day. The establishment of a line of light-draft barges, provided with powerful towboats, such as operate on the Rhine, was urged as a necessity to enable the Mississippi River to share in the transportation burden of the nation during the war, and be of aid to inland manufacturers and shippers after the war.

President Wilkinson, of Burlington, declared recent trips of heavy barges over the river with coal for St. Paul, returning with iron ore for St. Louis, showed the plan to be practicable.

DELAY AEROPLANE FLIGHT FROM HAMPTON TO NEW YORK

Unfavorable Weather Conditions Cause Italians to Postpone Trip—Large Dirigible Expected Shortly.

(By Associated Press.)
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., October 12.—Announcement was made to-night that Captain Resnati, Lieutenant Ballerini and Baldoli will not make flights from Langley Field near Hampton, to Mineola, N. Y., planned for to-morrow. Postponement, it is said, was due to the unfavorable conditions to-night and prospects for still more disagreeable weather Saturday.

Field to-night it was said that no date has been set for making the flights, but that the start will be made as soon as conditions are more favorable for flying.

A large Italian dirigible balloon, recently sent to the United States by the Italian government, will be brought to Langley Field and tested out in the near future. The machine is said to be the largest and swiftest in the world.

CAPTURE 100 GALLONS

Prohibition Inspector Exchanges Shots With Hiding Men After Seizing Two Barrels of Whisky.

DANVILLE, VA., October 12.—W. T. Shelton, prohibition inspector, and two county constables, who were called yesterday evening to Whitwell, where they were notified of the presence of liquor, exchanged several shots with two men who appeared to want to dispute the ownership of 100 gallons. The spirits were in two barrels.

The officers located the barrels at dusk and waited for some hours concealed, believing that efforts might be made to remove it. While standing guard a number of shots were fired at the three officers in the darkness, and, crouching down in the bushes, they returned the fire. None of the guards was struck.

Finally, Shelton called out that he intended to take the whisky away and explained that he was an authorized agent of the State. There was no further shooting, and the liquor was loaded on a wagon and brought to Danville. Earlier in the evening Shelton and his men found eleven gallons of liquor in some woods at Schoolfield.

Seedler Fooled British Cruiser

Passed Inspection by Assuming Disguise of a Lumber Carrier.

(By Associated Press.)

HONOLULU, T. H., October 12.—Details of how the famous German commerce raider Seedler, which preyed on allied commerce seven months in the South Pacific before meeting her fate on the reefs of Mophea Island, passed inspection of a British cruiser by assuming the disguise of a lumber carrier, were revealed here to-day by Captain Hador Smith, master of the American schooner R. C. Slade, one of the victims of the German craft.

After capture by the British and subsequent escape, the Seedler put into Bremerhaven, a German port, and in December, 1916, fitted out as a motor schooner, under command of Lieutenant von Luckner and a crew of sixty-eight, half of whom, according to Captain Smith, spoke Norwegian.

With forged Norwegian clearance papers and two four-inch guns concealed by a deck load of lumber, the vessel put to sea, encountered a British cruiser, passed inspection, mounted her guns and proceeded to sink thirteen vessels in the Atlantic, two of them British, Captain Smith said.

The final capture in the Atlantic was a French bark, on which 300 of the Seedler's prisoners were put and sent to Rio de Janeiro. The Seedler escaped pursuers and rounded Cape Horn, immediately beginning a campaign of destruction in the South Pacific.

Depredations of the Seedler, a converted American vessel, were announced by the Navy Department on October 4.

RAILROADS CONSIDERING ASKING GOVERNMENT AID

Washington Officials Believe Rumors Forecast Concerned Move Toward Improving Facilities.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, October 12.—Reports that the railroads are considering informally asking the government to help them, in some way, to obtain money with which to maintain and enlarge their present plants and equipment to enable them to cope with the high tide of traffic, are regarded by officials here as forecasting a concerted move soon toward that end.

What form this move will assume apparently has not yet been decided by the roads themselves. It is reported that they have under consideration several courses.

One possible method is a renewed petition for a general increase in freight rates. Another is to request the government to lend the railroads money on railroad securities. For this, however, special legislation would be necessary.

Other plans, details of which have not been revealed, are said to be under consideration.

Railroads are earning very nearly as much as last year, which marked the high tide, but within the last two months operating expenses have shown an increase, said to be out of all proportion to the increase in gross receipts.

Railroad executives say that as the government has a practical monopoly through Liberty bond issues of the investment funds of the country, they have found it almost impossible to obtain funds.

C. & O. Earnings Increase.

Estimated gross revenue of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company for the first week of October aggregated \$977,497, as compared with \$866,134 for the corresponding week of last year, showing an increase of \$111,363, according to figures made public yesterday by Comptroller L. F. Sullivan.

Alleged Gambling House.

W. B. Jackson was arrested yesterday by Detective Sergeant A. Wiley Smith and Kellam on the charge of maintaining a gambling house at 410-1-2 East Marshall Street.

DEATHS IN VIRGINIA

John Henry Burnett, a Confederate veteran and farmer, died yesterday morning at 8 o'clock at his home near Ridge Church, Henrico County. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. R. L. Hicks, Mrs. John Paul and Mrs. L. R. Dyson; two sons, J. F. and J. J. Burnett; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Charles Ambold and Mrs. Lovell Mass, and one stepson, Harry L. Jarvis.

Mrs. D. L. Spooner.

Mrs. D. L. Spooner died at Virginia Hospital early yesterday morning. Mrs. Spooner came to Richmond a year ago from Minnesota. Friends in Duluth and South Dakota have been notified of her death, and the body will be held pending their advice. Mrs. Spooner lived at 29 West Twenty-ninth Street, before she was taken to the hospital. She was seventy-three years old.

Mrs. Alfred Winston.

Mrs. Alfred Winston died at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of her brother-in-law, L. C. Winston, in Chesterfield County, near Bon Air. She was of advanced age and had been in failing health for several years. Her husband survives.

The funeral will take place from the home of L. C. Winston at 2:30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Burial will be in the family burying ground.

Walter S. Ogden.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, VA., October 12.—Walter S. Ogden, sixty years of age, died Thursday afternoon at his home at Amherst after a long illness. He was a member of the Amherst Methodist Church and a teacher of the men's Bible class. Surviving him are his wife and one daughter, Mrs. O. M. Blankenship, Lynchburg, and the following brothers and sisters: P. C. Ogden and Mrs. W. W. Gilbert, Amherst; Mrs. Ammonett, Madison Heights; W. J. Ogden, Winchester, and Robert Ogden, Lynchburg.

Miss Nannie H. Watts.

LYNCHBURG, VA., October 12.—Miss Nannie H. Watts died at her home here Thursday. She was a native of Amherst County, a member of the First Baptist Church, and is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Walter Watts, Roanoke; George Watts, Amherst; Carron Watts, Arizona; Stephen Watts, Texas; Morris Watts, Eckman, W. Va.; Charles R. Watts, Richmond; Mrs. Mollie L. Moore, Appomattox, and Mrs. Grace H. Sales, Lynchburg.

SHOW NO SLAVISHNESS IN LOYALTY TO RULERS

President Thanks Cardinal Gibbons for Accepting Chairmanship of League for National Unity.

FOLLY OF UNJUST CRITICISM

Cardinal Expresses Ideals, Causing Formation of League—Endeavors to Point Out Ability of Government to Judge of Expediency of Affairs.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, October 12.—Cardinal Gibbons wrote President Wilson in a letter made public here to-day that he is trying "to persuade all Americans that they can do the greatest good to themselves and their country by a cheerful and generous performance of their duty, as it is pointed out to them by a lawfully constituted authority."

The letter was written on the occasion of the recent formation of the League for National Unity, of which Cardinal Gibbons is honorary chairman.

President Wilson, in reply, thanked the cardinal for accepting the chairmanship of the league.

"In these days of the gravest problems, which have ever weighed upon our American government," wrote the cardinal, "our thoughts go out to the chief executive, warmed by a heartfelt sympathy for the heavy burdens of office which he must bear, and freighted with the unwavering determination of loyal citizens to stand by him in every effort to bring these ideals of justice and humanity which compelled our entrance into the war."

"Guided, as we are, by the sublime teachings of Christianity, we have no other course open to us but that of obedience and devotion to our country. Our Divine Lord tells us, 'render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's,' and St. Paul, following the steps of His Master, says: 'Let every soul be subject to the higher powers, for there is no authority but from God and those that are, are ordained by God. Therefore he who resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God, and they who resist purchase to themselves condemnation.'"

"We wish our people to see, and we are striving to help them to realize, that they owe unswerving loyalty to the rulers whom they have elected to office, and that in doing so they are not acting in a slavish manner, or obedience is not an act of servility we pay to man, but an act of homage we pay to God.

BROADNESS OF GOVERNMENT VIEWS TO BE SHOWN PUBLIC

"We are working to the end that our countrymen may see the folly and grave disobedience of unjust and ill-tempered criticism of national policies. We are bending our efforts to point out to our fellowmen that they, in all probability, see the present situation from only one angle, whereas the government sees it from every viewpoint, and is therefore alone in the position to judge of the expediency of national affairs."

"In a word we have been exerting our every effort and will continue to do so, to persuade all Americans that they can do the greatest good to themselves and their country, by a cheerful and generous performance of their duty, as it is pointed out to them by lawfully constituted authority."

The President wrote to the cardinal in reply:

"May I not express my deep and sincere appreciation of your letter of October 6. It has brought me cheer and reassurance, and I want you to know how much I appreciate your own action consenting to preside over the important and influential group of women who have so generously undertaken to support the administration in its efforts to make the whole character and purpose of this war, and of the government of the United States in the prosecution of it, clear to the whole people."

The Weather

(Furnished by U. S. Weather Bureau)

Forecast: Virginia—Fair and colder Saturday; Sunday fair, continued cold. North Carolina—Fair and colder Saturday; Sunday fair, continued cold.

Local Temperature.
12 noon temperature..... 67
3 P. M. temperature..... 49
Maximum temperature to 8 P. M. 67
Minimum temperature to 8 A. M. 48
Mean temperature..... 58
Normal temperature..... 62
Deficiency in temperature since March 1..... 580
Accumulated deficiency since January 1..... 556

Local Rainfall.
Rainfall last twelve hours..... 0.18
Rainfall last twenty-four hours..... 0.18
Excess in rainfall since March 1..... 5.39
Excess in rainfall since January 1..... 5.91

Local Barometer Readings.
8 A. M. 29.55
8 P. M. 29.91

Local Observations at S. P. M.
Temperature, 51; humidity, 68; wind, direction, northwest; wind, velocity, 10 miles; weather, clear.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.
Place. 8 P. M. High, Low, Weather.
Asheville..... 42 18 46 Clear
Atlanta..... 52 34 48 Clear
Atlantic City..... 50 34 44 Rain
Boston..... 52 38 38 Cloudy
Buffalo..... 40 34 42 Clear
Chicago..... 63 34 40 Clear
Cincinnati..... 58 34 40 Clear
Cleveland..... 54 34 40 Clear
Dallas..... 54 34 40 Clear
Denver..... 54 34 40 Clear
Detroit..... 54 34 40 Clear
Houston..... 54 34 40 Clear
Jacksonville..... 54 34 40 Clear
Kansas City..... 54 34 40 Clear
Louisville..... 54 34 40 Clear
Memphis..... 54 34 40 Clear
Miami..... 54 34 40 Clear
Milwaukee..... 54 34 40 Clear
Minneapolis..... 54 34 40 Clear
New Orleans..... 54 34 40 Clear
New York..... 54 34 40 Clear
Norfolk..... 54 34 40 Clear
Oklahoma..... 54 34 40 Clear
Philadelphia..... 54 34 40 Clear
Portland..... 54 34 40 Clear
Raleigh..... 54 34 40 Clear
St. Louis..... 54 34 40 Clear
St. Paul..... 54 34 40 Clear
San Francisco..... 54 34 40 Clear
Savannah..... 54 34 40 Clear
Seattle..... 54 34 40 Clear
Tampa..... 54 34 40 Clear
Washington..... 54 34 40 Clear
Wichita..... 54 34 40 Clear
Wilmington..... 54 34 40 Clear
Yonkers..... 54 34 40 Clear

MINIATURE ALMANAC
October 12, 1917.
Sun rises..... 6:16
Sun sets..... 5:36
HIGH TIDE:
Morning..... 2:17
Evening..... 3:02

NEW UNION GOVERNMENT FOR CANADA ANNOUNCED

Formation Agreed On by Leaders of Two Major Parties After All-Night Conference.

OTTAWA, Ont., October 12.—Ten members of the new union government for Canada, which it was agreed to form during an all-night conference between the leaders of the two major parties, were sworn in at 1 o'clock to-day. These portfolios were announced:

Premier and Secretary of State for External Affairs, Sir Robert Borden (Conservative).
Minister of Militia, Major-General Meuburn (Liberal).
Minister of Overseas Service, Sir Edward Kemp (Conservative).
Immigration and Colonization, J. A. Calder (Liberal).
Interior, Arthur Meighen (Conservative).
Agriculture, T. A. Creegar (Liberal).
Customs, A. L. Sifton (Liberal).
President of the Privy Council, N. W. Rowell (Liberal).
Railways and Canals, J. D. Reid (Conservative).
Secretary of State for Mines (new), Martin Burrell (Conservative).
A Minister of Overseas Service, Sir Edward Kemp, succeeds Sir George Perley, who becomes Canadian High Commissioner at London, in which capacity he has been acting temporarily.

Frank Cochrane was appointed chairman of the board of directors of the Canadian Northern Railway.

Postmaster's Nephew Honored.

Lieutenant Lawrence D. Thornton, formerly of this city, has been appointed assistant adjutant of his brigade at Fort Upton, N. Y., and in the absence of the adjutant is now acting adjutant. He is a nephew of Postmaster Hay T. Thornton.

FIRE IN RETAIL DISTRICT DOES \$10,000 DAMAGE

Women on Second Floor of Broad Street Shop Are Rescued by Firemen.

TWO FRIGHTENED GIRLS FAINT

Sharp Rain Helps Department in Preventing Flames From Spreading to Adjoining Buildings—Origin of Blaze Is Undetermined.

Fire, originating in some undetermined manner, doing damage to the amount of probably \$10,000, broke out yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in S. S. Kresge & Company's 25-Cent Store, 423 East Broad Street. No one was seriously injured, although the women working in the store found some difficulty in escaping from the second and third floors. The extension ladder of the fire-escape in the front of the building failed to drop from the box at the second floor, and two of the women, frightened at the thought of being trapped, fainted. It was but a short time after the alarm was turned in, however, when fire apparatus was on the scene, and firemen threw ladders to the second floor and carried the dozen or more excited and fainting women to the street.

It was but a few minutes after the alarm was turned in until all the three floors were filled with gas and smoke, and a thousand or more people were collected in front of the store.

BLAZE IS PREVENTED FROM REACHING OTHER SHOPS

For at least an hour traffic was held up on Broad Street.

Had it not been for the fact that a sharp rain was soaking the city wet and the firemen were prompt, there would likely have been a great blaze in the block filled with retail stores. As it was, the fire was confined to the interior of the one establishment. The employees in the Kresge store were, for the most part, greatly excited, and threw into the streets their coats, hats and money.

Miss Allen, who was employed in the office on the second floor after having been carried down the ladder by a fireman, was taken into a nearby store, but she soon recovered from fright.

Mrs. Webb, who was in charge of the dressing-room on the third floor, displayed extreme presence of mind, and thereby had about the narrowest escape of any of the employees. After hearing the cry of "fire," she directed the girls to get away quietly and quickly. She made a second tour of the rooms on the floor to make certain no one was left and afterward found

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HAD POISON IN BARRACKS

Student at Aviation School at Princeton Taken to Governor's Island for Court-Martial.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, October 12.—In explanation of the recent arrest of Private Samuel O. Livingood at the Army aviation camp at Princeton, N. J., for having poison in his possession, the committee on public information, tonight issued this statement: "At an inspection of the barracks at the aviation school at Princeton, N. J., a small quantity of cyanide of potassium and chloral hydrate was found. A soldier, in whose possession the poison seemed to be, was placed under arrest and taken to Governor's Island, N. Y., for trial by court-martial."

At the War Department it was said that the case was being handled by the commander of the Eastern Department, and that nothing was known here concerning arrangements for the court-martial.

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AT \$3.95 Boys' Suits and Overcoats, worth up to \$8.50.

AT \$3.95 Men's and Boys' Raincoats, worth \$6.50.

AT \$8.75 Gray and Tan Raincoats, worth up to \$15.00.

AT \$1.50 Men's Khaki Trousers, worth \$2.50.

AT \$1.45 Men's Odd Vests, worth up to \$4.00.

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